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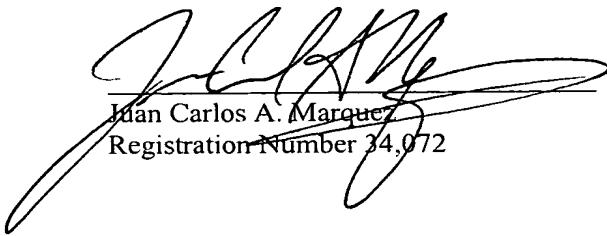
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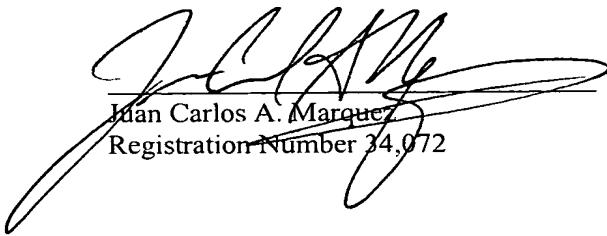
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended portions of the specification to make minor changes that do not affect substance of the specification. Please delete the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 12 and continuing on to page 13 and substitute the following paragraph:

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Then, each vector to which each of the genes has been connected is introduced into Agrobacterium tumefaciens EHA 101 by electroporation. The Agrobacterium tumefaciens in which each construct (FIGS 1A to 1D) has been introduced is cultured and grown in a YEP medium containing Bacto® Pepton (10 g/l), Bacto® Yeast Extract (10 g/l), sodium chloride (5 g/l), 1M magnesium chloride (2 ml/l), and hygromycin B (50 mg/l) at 28° C. Gene introduction is carried out by infecting the callus cell of rice with the Agrobacterium tumefaciens into which each construct (FIGS. 1A-1D) has been introduced. The construct D is so designed that the two genes (the P5CS gene and the ProDH gene) are connected to each other in tandem to be simultaneously introduced. However, even if the construct A and C are mixed for coinfection, it is also possible to obtain the same effects as with the construct D.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 13 and continuing on to page 14 and substitute the following paragraph: